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LETTER ACCOMPANYING REPLY TO ACTION OF JUNE 22, 2005

In reply to the Final Office Action of June 22, 2005, Applicant submitted certified copies of Swedish priority applications 9401928-8 and 9304209-1. Prior to mailing, Applicant noticed that these applications were unstapled and re-stapled together. Applicant will attempt to secure new certified copies of these priority applications and submit them within the next few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

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